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Missouri unemployment continued to edge up seasonally in December, as the rate increased 0.2 percentage point to 5.9 percent. In October, when the fall low in unemployment was reached, the rate had been 5.4 percent. About 155,700 Missourians were unemployed in December, compared to 142,300 in October and 150,500 in November. Over this two month period, the increase in unemployment was less than seasonally expected.

Total employment, which is estimated at 2,463,000 in December, has been declining since October. The drop of 25,000 during this two-month period was about in line with the expected seasonal change.

Over the past year, total employment has grown by about 16,400, while unemployment has dropped by 9500. The jobless rate in December 1987 was 6.3 percent.

Nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 3700 in December, reflecting seasonal drops in services (3600), construction (3500) and state and local government (1600). These were partly offset by a seasonal gain of 3700 in retail trade. Manufacturing employment showed growth of 1100 jobs over the month, on the strength of an increase of 500 jobs in transportation equipment, plus small gains spread through a number of nondurable goods manufacturing industries.

Since December 1987, there has been an increase of 27,200 jobs, including a healthy gain of 5600 in manufacturing. The largest increase in manufacturing was 2500 in transportation equipment, including 700 jobs in motor vehicles and equipment and 1800 in the other transportation equipment manufacturing industries. Other notable gains included those in chemicals and allied products (1300); nonelectrical machinery (1100); and printing and publishing (700). The largest gains were in the nonmanufacturing industries including retail trade (8100); services (7900); state and local government (4200); and wholesale trade (3700). Construction employment was down by 2200 over the year, reflecting weaknesses in both home building and commercial construction.

National Economic and Labor Market Conditions

Economic growth in 1988 was the fastest in four years, according to Gross National Product data released by the U.S. Department of Commerce. Inflation-adjusted GNP was up 3.8 percent from the previous year. The rate of growth slowed in the lat half of the year; annual rates of 2.5 percent and 2 percent were reported for the third and fourth

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Table 1

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COUNTY/LABOR MARKET AREA	CURRENT MONTH - DEC 1988 (PRELIMINARY)				PREVIOUS MONTH - NOV 1988 (REVISED)				ONE YEAR AGO - DEC 1987 (BENCHMARKED 1988)			
	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
U.S. (IN 000'S)	122120	115978	6142	5.0	122639	116314	6325	5.2	120205	113679	6526	5.4
STATEWIDE	2618749	2463001	155748	5.9	2635402	2484896	150506	5.7	2611862	2446643	165219	6.3
ST. LOUIS MSA	1284510	1206837	77673	6.0	1291463	1209728	81735	6.3	1282250	1198745	83505	6.5
KANSAS CITY MSA	835397	788413	46984	5.6	836043	793567	42476	5.1	846920	800322	46598	5.5
SPRINGFIELD MSA	128124	122400	5724	4.5	128590	122904	5686	4.4	124525	118649	5876	4.7
COLUMBIA MSA	68158	65972	2186	3.2	68639	66400	2239	3.3	66540	64102	2438	3.7
JOPLIN MSA	71308	67524	3784	5.3	71920	68063	3857	5.4	70205	66244	3961	5.6
ST. JOSEPH MSA	42706	40081	2625	6.1	42534	39893	2641	6.2	42250	39361	2889	6.8
ADAIR/SCHUYLER LMA	13542	12925	617	4.6	13654	13040	614	4.5	13770	13095	675	4.9
ANDREW	6837	6416	421	6.2	6927	6510	417	6.0	7062	6580	482	6.8
ATCHISON	3080	2957	123	4.0	3182	3089	93	2.9	3157	2999	158	5.0
AUDRAIN	10495	9995	500	4.8	10609	10110	499	4.7	10383	9755	628	6.0
BARRY	12300	11690	610	5.0	12406	11754	652	5.3	11702	11043	659	5.6
BARTON	5841	5647	194	3.3	5884	5701	183	3.1	5664	5442	222	3.9
BATES	6568	5907	661	10.1	6618	6057	561	8.5	6566	5985	581	8.8
BENTON	5122	4574	548	10.7	5203	4748	455	8.7	5122	4601	521	10.2
BOLLINGER	3447	3114	333	9.7	3465	3170	295	8.5	3234	2925	309	9.6
BUTLER	16373	15002	1371	8.4	16454	15119	1335	8.1	16820	15327	1493	8.9
CALDWELL	3138	2883	255	8.1	3161	2940	221	7.0	3059	2815	244	8.0
CALLAWAY	15493	14704	789	5.1	15628	14825	803	5.1	15090	14176	914	6.1
CAMDEN	14170	12907	1263	8.9	15036	13884	1152	7.7	13563	12293	1270	9.4
CAPE GIRARDEAU	36413	34743	1670	4.6	36471	35005	1466	4.0	36599	35095	1504	4.1
CARROLL	4053	3658	395	9.7	4137	3779	358	8.7	4842	4241	601	12.4
CARTER	2124	1881	243	11.4	2129	1924	205	9.6	2063	1824	239	11.6
CEDAR	4186	3850	336	8.0	4367	4026	341	7.8	4464	4140	324	7.3
CHARITON	4047	3846	201	5.0	4139	3905	234	5.7	4202	3965	237	5.6
CLARK	3441	3282	159	4.6	3612	3418	194	5.4	3575	3360	215	6.0
CLINTON	6784	6229	555	8.2	6765	6327	438	6.5	6729	6212	517	7.7
COLE/OSAGE LMA	41324	39016	2308	5.6	40911	39073	1838	4.5	40938	38421	2517	6.1
COOPER	6399	6010	389	6.1	6470	6157	313	4.8	6514	6069	445	6.8
CRAWFORD	8873	8218	655	7.4	9028	8390	638	7.1	8881	8117	764	8.6
DADE	2843	2676	167	5.9	2777	2644	133	4.8	2748	2563	185	6.7
DALLAS	3536	3141	395	11.2	3669	3250	419	11.4	3452	3082	370	10.7
DAVIESS	3730	3487	243	6.5	3764	3599	165	4.4	3705	3475	230	6.2
DEKALB	3767	3561	206	5.5	3829	3590	239	6.2	3520	3258	262	7.4
DENT	6693	6157	536	8.0	6845	6256	589	8.6	6248	5734	514	8.2
DOUGLAS	4830	4455	375	7.8	4817	4486	331	6.9	4765	4384	381	8.0
DUNKLIN	12882	11793	1089	8.5	12869	11875	994	7.7	13012	11944	1068	8.2
GASCONADE	7769	7299	470	6.0	7792	7425	367	4.7	7238	6794	444	6.1
GENTRY	2717	2578	139	5.1	2752	2621	131	4.8	2793	2613	180	6.4
GRUNDY	5777	5155	622	10.8	5674	5288	386	6.8	5311	5056	255	4.8
HARRISON	4423	4189	234	5.3	4449	4223	226	5.1	4303	4054	249	5.8
HENRY	7870	7104	766	9.7	7950	7260	690	8.7	7939	7193	746	9.4
HICKORY	2709	2484	225	8.3	2877	2633	244	8.5	2563	2321	242	9.4
HOLT	2404	2212	192	8.0	2437	2290	147	6.0	2400	2214	186	7.8
HOWARD	4637	4389	248	5.3	4666	4488	178	3.8	4587	4345	242	5.3
HOWELL	13873	12989	884	6.4	14011	13116	895	6.4	13360	12345	1015	7.6
IRON	2358	2060	298	12.6	2369	2064	305	12.9	2405	2061	344	14.3
JOHNSON	20182	19202	980	4.9	20170	19412	758	3.8	19524	18556	968	5.0
KNOX	1935	1794	141	7.3	1930	1838	92	4.8	1894	1771	123	6.5
LACLEDE	14124	13137	987	7.0	14492	13256	1236	8.5	13138	12199	939	7.1
LAWRENCE	13307	12567	740	5.6	13480	12779	701	5.2	13733	12910	823	6.0
LEWIS	4948	4675	273	5.5	4910	4669	241	4.9	4834	4506	328	6.8

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LINCOLN	12256	11469	787	6.4	12252	11492	760	6.2	11892	10768	1124	9.5
LINN	6964	6451	513	7.4	7095	6472	623	8.8	6637	6200	437	6.6
LIVINGSTON	6835	6435	400	5.9	6824	6515	309	4.5	6580	6219	361	5.5
MACON	8000	7560	440	5.5	8209	7787	422	5.1	8178	7755	423	5.2
MADISON	4607	4311	296	6.4	4852	4534	318	6.6	4995	4669	326	6.5
MARIES	3423	3146	277	8.1	3501	3223	278	7.9	3504	3200	304	8.7
MARION/RALLS LMA	18227	17277	950	5.2	18628	17590	1038	5.6	17831	16583	1248	7.0
MCDONALD	7995	7607	388	4.9	8171	7754	417	5.1	7720	7288	432	5.6
MERCER	1583	1451	132	8.3	1581	1477	104	6.6	1536	1437	99	6.4
MILLER	8584	7499	1085	12.6	8538	7713	825	9.7	8738	7552	1186	13.6
MISSISSIPPI	6341	5772	569	9.0	6301	5821	480	7.6	6622	5999	623	9.4
MONITEAU	6461	5955	506	7.8	6397	6110	287	4.5	6119	5701	418	6.8
MONROE	4748	4482	266	5.6	4823	4611	212	4.4	4825	4489	336	7.0
MONTGOMERY	4946	4664	282	5.7	4978	4755	223	4.5	4905	4529	376	7.7
MORGAN	7219	6583	636	8.8	7148	6650	498	7.0	6935	6344	591	8.5
NEW MADRID	9432	8773	659	7.0	9460	8878	582	6.2	9412	8599	813	8.6
NODAWAY	11337	10745	592	5.2	11232	10790	442	3.9	10784	10330	454	4.2
OREGON	3672	3439	233	6.3	3767	3496	271	7.2	3915	3517	398	10.2
OZARK	3257	2945	312	9.6	3493	3179	314	9.0	3337	2979	358	10.7
PEMISCOT	8810	8095	715	8.1	8818	8182	636	7.2	8620	7930	690	8.0
PERRY	7924	7450	474	6.0	8213	7714	499	6.1	8000	7515	485	6.1
PETTIS	17924	16619	1305	7.3	18020	16879	1141	6.3	17686	16458	1228	6.9
PHELPS	17449	16374	1075	6.2	17294	16430	864	5.0	17067	16002	1065	6.2
PIKE	6996	6409	587	8.4	7077	6545	532	7.5	7135	6406	729	10.2
POLK	9853	9330	523	5.3	10049	9444	605	6.0	9442	8889	553	5.9
PULASKI	13171	12165	1006	7.6	13475	12363	1112	8.3	13090	12285	805	6.1
PUTNAM	2114	1984	130	6.1	2158	2045	113	5.2	2152	2050	102	4.7
RANDOLPH	11270	10657	613	5.4	11301	10706	595	5.3	12067	11178	889	7.4
REYNOLDS	1760	1545	215	12.2	1820	1606	214	11.8	1717	1445	272	15.8
RIPLEY	4297	3906	391	9.1	4360	4022	338	7.8	3928	3558	370	9.4
SALINE	11597	10813	784	6.8	11799	11034	765	6.5	11801	11064	737	6.2
SCOTLAND	2196	2064	132	6.0	2215	2096	119	5.4	2295	2134	161	7.0
SCOTT	18269	16909	1360	7.4	18438	17096	1342	7.3	18078	16800	1278	7.1
SHANNON	2583	2285	298	11.5	2649	2322	327	12.3	2787	2448	339	12.2
SHELBY	3571	3437	134	3.8	3770	3653	117	3.1	3526	3368	158	4.5
ST. CLAIR	3370	3074	296	8.8	3404	3143	261	7.7	3352	3061	291	8.7
ST. FRANCOIS	21998	20294	1704	7.7	21856	20162	1694	7.8	21135	19215	1920	9.1
STE. GENEVIEVE	6957	6534	423	6.1	6997	6566	431	6.2	6959	6421	538	7.7
STODDARD	12639	11552	1087	8.6	12750	11751	999	7.8	12811	11664	1147	9.0
STONE	7757	6506	1251	16.1	8039	6947	1092	13.6	7490	6215	1275	17.0
SULLIVAN	3362	3166	196	5.8	3365	3212	153	4.5	3387	3239	148	4.4
TANEY	12971	10954	2017	15.6	14295	12712	1583	11.1	12698	10464	2234	17.6
TEXAS	9286	8456	830	8.9	9630	8726	904	9.4	9199	8455	744	8.1
VERNON	9490	8917	573	6.0	9411	8946	465	4.9	9446	8922	524	5.5
WARREN	10295	9694	601	5.8	10590	9961	629	5.9	10258	9477	781	7.6
WASHINGTON	6057	5167	890	14.7	6108	5206	902	14.8	6009	4951	1058	17.6
WAYNE	4948	4451	497	10.0	4843	4414	429	8.9	4580	4131	449	9.8
WEBSTER	9673	8859	814	8.4	9841	9086	755	7.7	9428	8652	776	8.2
WORTH	1135	1080	55	4.8	1171	1106	65	5.6	1172	1090	82	7.0
WRIGHT	7159	6678	481	6.7	7380	6872	508	6.9	7020	6587	433	6.2

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Table 2. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment, Hours and Earnings
Missouri (Statewide)
December, 1988

Industry Title	All Employees (In Thousands)			Production Workers								
				Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Total Non-Agri. Employment	2244.5	2248.2	2217.3									
Total Manufacturing	426.9	425.8	421.3	436.35	423.33	422.60	42.2	41.3	41.8	10.34	10.25	10.11
Durable Goods	241.9	241.7	238.0	486.14	463.52	470.02	43.6	42.1	43.2	11.15	11.01	10.88
Lumber & Wood Products	11.2	11.1	10.6	270.44	255.18	238.72	41.1	38.2	37.3	6.58	6.68	6.40
Furniture & Fixtures	11.0	11.1	11.8	378.25	344.03	333.43	45.3	41.7	43.7	8.35	8.25	7.63
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	11.1	11.3	10.9	469.79	499.49	478.41	42.4	43.7	43.1	11.08	11.43	11.10
Cement, Hydraulic	0.9	0.9	0.9	623.17	736.90	541.93	42.8	50.3	39.1	14.56	14.65	13.86
Structural Clay Prod.	2.0	2.1	1.9	504.99	521.14	468.57	41.7	42.3	42.1	12.11	12.32	11.13
Primary Metal Industries	12.5	12.5	12.7	456.18	448.67	485.46	42.2	41.2	43.5	10.81	10.89	11.16
Iron & Steel Foundries	1.9	1.9	1.6	471.29	440.58	494.56	45.1	42.9	47.6	10.45	10.27	10.39
Nonferrous Foundries	3.8	3.7	3.4	360.93	335.38	350.67	45.4	42.4	43.4	7.95	7.91	8.08
Fabricated Metal Products	28.6	28.6	28.1	464.29	451.19	433.33	44.6	43.3	42.4	10.41	10.42	10.22
Structural Metal Prod.	11.2	11.2	10.8	467.93	434.14	411.52	46.7	44.3	41.4	10.02	9.80	9.94
Machinery Exc. Electrical	31.1	31.1	30.0	456.59	419.98	441.01	44.2	41.5	42.9	10.33	10.12	10.28
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	46.7	46.9	47.0	423.02	404.83	448.00	42.6	41.1	44.8	9.93	9.85	10.00
Transportation Equipment	70.8	70.3	68.3	680.41	634.92	636.71	44.5	42.9	43.7	15.29	14.80	14.57
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	29.3	29.1	28.6	710.71	654.19	659.56	45.5	43.7	44.0	15.62	14.97	14.99
Instruments & Related Prod.	11.6	11.6	11.3	371.36	355.74	349.71	44.0	42.3	42.7	8.44	8.41	8.19
Misc. Mfg. Inds.	7.2	7.2	7.3	301.18	313.88	274.97	42.3	43.9	42.5	7.12	7.15	6.47
Nondurable Goods	185.0	184.1	183.3	373.41	371.05	360.70	40.5	40.2	39.9	9.22	9.23	9.04
Food & Kindred Products	45.2	45.0	45.5	433.47	446.08	427.81	41.6	43.1	40.9	10.42	10.35	10.46
Meat Products & Preserved Fruits & Vegetables	13.8	13.8	13.6	303.91	324.07	306.77	40.2	43.5	41.4	7.56	7.45	7.41
Dairy Products	5.5	5.4	5.5	435.29	441.29	481.50	39.5	39.9	42.8	11.02	11.06	11.25
Grain Mill Products	8.2	8.1	7.7	495.67	522.58	429.72	48.5	50.2	41.2	10.22	10.41	10.43
Bakery Products	4.3	4.4	5.0	380.70	371.29	382.68	36.2	34.7	34.6	10.71	10.70	11.05
Beverages	9.2	9.2	9.5	744.80	725.73	763.78	40.5	37.7	40.8	18.39	19.25	18.72

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Other Food & Kindred Prods.	4.2	4.1	4.2	416.73	434.73	407.79	39.5	43.3	41.4	10.55	10.04	9.85
Textile & Apparel	23.7	23.6	24.0	198.56	203.82	196.42	34.0	34.9	34.1	5.84	5.84	5.76
Paper & Allied Products	13.8	13.8	13.4	427.41	399.78	415.07	44.2	41.3	43.6	9.67	9.68	9.52
Paperboard Cont. & Boxes	6.8	6.8	6.4	411.00	408.96	408.16	43.4	42.6	43.7	9.47	9.60	9.34
Printing & Publishing	42.2	42.0	41.5	413.91	419.58	405.34	40.5	40.5	39.7	10.22	10.36	10.21
Commercial Printing	14.3	14.3	14.2	470.50	486.04	479.25	41.6	41.9	42.6	11.31	11.60	11.25
Chemicals & Allied	29.2	29.0	27.9	515.81	508.73	483.73	43.2	42.5	42.1	11.94	11.97	11.49
Leather & Leather Products	16.0	15.8	16.9	230.68	205.54	227.55	38.9	35.5	39.3	5.93	5.79	5.79
Footwear Exc. Rubber	12.3	12.1	13.2	215.56	189.02	213.33	38.7	35.2	39.0	5.57	5.37	5.47
Total Nonmanufacturing	1817.6	1822.4	1796.0									
Mining	5.3	5.5	5.3									
Construction	98.4	101.9	100.6									
Transportation & Public Util.	144.1	145.1	144.3									
Railroad Transportation	9.7	9.7	9.7									
Transportation (Exc. R.R.)	79.5	80.1	78.9									
Communications	54.9	55.3	55.7									
Wholesale & Retail Trade	564.7	560.3	552.9									
Wholesale Trade	142.8	142.1	139.1									
Retail Trade	421.9	418.2	413.8									
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	135.2	134.9	134.0									
Services	513.7	517.3	505.8									
Government	356.2	357.4	353.1									
Federal Government	69.9	69.5	71.0									
State & Local Government	286.3	287.9	282.1									

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quarters, respectively. The Commerce Department estimated that these rates were reduced 0.5 and 1.1 percentage points by the effects of last year's drought. In other words, had agricultural output been normal, the rate of growth would hardly have slowed in that period.

The national unemployment rate dropped back down to 5.3 percent in December, but the 0.1 percentage point drop from November is not considered statistically significant. The rate is about the same as it has been since September, but is down by half a percentage point from a year ago. The current rate matches the 14-year low achieved in September.

The total employment estimate continues to move somewhat erratically. After having increased nearly 400,000 in November, it changed very little in December. Payroll employment, on the other hand, has behaved somewhat more smoothly. The gain of 280,000 jobs in December was paced by gains in services. Manufacturing employment increased some, following larger gains in October and November.

During 1988, total employment increased by about 2.3 million. Payroll employment was up by 3.7 million jobs over the same period, including 400,000 jobs in manufacturing. The big gainer continued to be the service industries, which were up by 1.3 million jobs. Retail trade employment grew by 655,000 jobs.

Outlook

The government's index of leading economic indicators was up sharply in December. The 0.6 percent increase was the largest in five months, which would seem to suggest that the economy remains strong. At the same time, however, the zigzag path which the index has followed since last May suggests to some analysts that growth may be slowing.

Decreasing employment and sharply increasing unemployment usually occur in Missouri in January. Mild weather this year and strong national labor market conditions in the month suggest that these changes could be less than usual this January.

Annual Averages

Revised annual average labor force data for Missouri show a substantial drop in unemployment between 1987 and 1988, following a slight increase in the previous year. At the same time, however, employment growth slowed from the previous years, and the labor force grew hardly at all.

			Unemployment	
	Labor Force	Employment	Number	Rate
1988	2,593,000	2,445,000	148,000	5.7
1987	2,590,000	2,426,000	164,000	6.3
1986	2,542,000	2,387,000	155,000	6.1
1985	2,465,000	2,307,000	158,000	6.4
1984	2,372,000	2,201,000	171,000	7.2

Table 3. Selected Economic Statistics Related To Manpower Developments
Missouri — December, 1989

Item	Current Mo. (Preliminary)	1 Mo. Ago (Revised)	1Yr. Ago (Revised)	Net Change To Current Month From:	
				1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Civilian Labor Force (No. of Workers)	2,618,700	2,635,400	2,611,800	-16,700	6,900
Total Employment	2,463,000	2,484,900	2,446,600	-21,900	16,400
Total Unemployment	155,700	150,500	165,200	5,200	-9,500
Unemployment Rate (% of CLF)	5.9	5.7	6.3	0.2	-0.4
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment Except Domestics (No. of Jobs)	2,244,500	2,248,200	2,217,300	-3,700	27,200
Manufacturing	426,900	425,800	421,300	1,100	5,600
Durable Goods	241,900	241,700	23,800	200	218,100
Nondurable Goods	185,000	184,100	183,300	900	1,700
Nonmanufacturing	1,817,600	1,822,400	1,796,000	-4,800	21,600
State Initial Claims (Wkly Avg.)	8,994	7,760	10,514	1,234	-1,520
State Insured Unemployment (Wkly Avg.)	41,897	38,570	50,554	3,327	-8,657
Insured Unemployment Rate	2.1	1.6	2.2	0.5	-0.1
Exhaustions (State U.I.)	2,968	2,955	3,327	13	-359
Amount of Benefits Paid	$18,846,601	$16,986,000	$21,491,848	$1,860,601	-$2,645,247
State U.I.	18,505,824	16,635,592	21,177,710	1,870,232	-2,671,886
UCFE	218,967	244,986	182,765	-26,019	36,202
UCX	121,810	10,522	131,373	111,288	-9,563

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Kansas City Labor Market Review

The Kansas City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Jackson, Cass, Clay, Lafayette, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson, Wyandotte, Leavenworth and Miami counties in Kansas. The 1980 population for the MSA has been published at 1,433,458 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

December, 1988

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The Kansas City Metropolitan Area recorded its first significant jump in the unemployment rate since July 1988. The December 1988 unemployment rate rose by a half a point to 5.6 percent of the 835,400 persons in the labor force. The total number of unemployed workers increased by 4,500 persons. With 47,000 unemployed, the Area recorded its second highest unemployment of the year. Most of these jobless workers were in the Construction and Services industries, although scattered losses across the Manufacturing sector also contributed to the over-the-month increase. The civilian employment data series posted 5,200 fewer workers over-the-month, although 600 of these dropped out of the labor force. Compared to a year ago the rate of unemployment was changed very little. On the other hand, the civilian labor force which was registered at 836,900 in December 1988 was greatly reduced from a record high which was reached in December 1987 at 846,900. Many of these workers having lost their jobs have apparently withdrawn from the labor force over the period. Despite a few areas of growth in the Nondurable Goods Manufacturing group, Government, Services and Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, civilian employment and civilian labor force declined by nearly 12,000 persons.

Wage and salaried employment was 743,900 in December 1988, down by 1,400 jobs from the November 1988 total of 745,300. Losses were recorded across almost every sector of the economy. Durable Goods Manufacturing showed a net loss of 400 jobs, 300 of which were in Electrical and Electronic Equipment, primarily communication equipment. Motor Vehicles also showed a small over-the-month loss of 200 workers. Lumber and Furniture as well as Machinery fell slightly below last month's job total, while all other industries within the group held steady over-the-month. The total number of jobs in Nondurable Goods Manufacturing was virtually unchanged over-the-month. Most of the industries within that group showed no change.

The bulk of the labor market changes registered in December 1988 in the Area occurred in the Nonmanufacturing sector which fell below the previous month's total by 1,100 jobs. Construction jobs accounted for the bulk of changes over-the-month. Despite a relatively mild winter in the Area a slowdown in non-building construction activity was evident over the period. Layoffs spread across business services, rereational services and agricultural services accounted for the 1,000 jobs lost in the Services industry over-the-month. Caution apparently guided Area retailers over the holiday shopping period. Although the Area attained its highest level of Retail employment of the year with 136,000 jobs, the 800 additional jobs created over-the-month was much lower than the 1,300 added in 1987 or the 2,500 added in 1986. With the exceptions of State and Local Government and Mining which were unchanged over-the-month, all other industries within the Nonmanufacturing sector posted small increases over the previous month's employment.

Wage and salaried employment was 743,900 in December 1988 compared to 739,900 in December 1987. Durable Goods Manufacturing was 54,900 in December 1988 down by 3,100 from the December 1987 total of 58,000. Almost every industry within the Durable Goods Manufacturing group has experienced job losses over the year-ago totals. Motor Vehicle employment which has hovered around 9,000 jobs over the last seven months had 1,500 fewer jobs in December 1988 compared to December 1987. Similarly the Primary Metals industry continued to hold on to the 2,200 it has had since July 1988, although this number represents 1,100 fewer jobs than it had in December 1987. The Electrical and Electronic Equipment industry has lost 900 jobs since December 1987, a third of these losses can be attributed to increased competition in the Communication industry. Of the remaining industries, Lumber and Furniture lost 400 jobs registered in the furniture component and Fabricated Metals was slightly below its year ago level.

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing was 53,800 in December 1988, up by 1,100 from the total in December 1987 of 52,700. Unlike the Durable Goods Manufacturing sector, almost all of the Nondurable Goods Manufacturing industries in December 1988 were above December 1987 levels. The major gainers were Printing and Publishing which added 400 jobs and Food and Kindred which added another 300 jobs.

With the exceptions of Transportation, Communications and Utilities and Wholesale and Retail Trade, all industries within the Nonmanufacturing sector posted substantial increases over December 1987 levels. Total Nonmanufacturing employment was 635,200 in December 1988, up by 6,500 from the December 1987 total of 628,700. The Services industry gained the largest number of jobs. Although business and legal services were the top gainers, significant growth was also recorded in personal, education, hotels, social and medical services. The total number of jobs created in the industry in December 1988 compared to December 1987 was 3,200. The Government sector gained the second highest number of jobs with an increase of 3,000 jobs over the year-ago totals. State and Local Government accounted for over eighty percent of these additional jobs, with municipal government and local schools contributing the vast majority. The public finance component of Federal Government sector accounted for the 500 new jobs in that industry.

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)
(Benchmark — March 1988)

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas — Month and Year of Current: December, 1988

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonagricultural Wage & Salaried Employment	743,900	745,300	739,900	-1,400	+4,000
Total Manufacturing	108,700	109,000	111,200	-300	-2,500
Durable Goods	54,900	55,300	58,500	-400	-3,600
Lumber & Furniture	3,200	3,000	3,600	+100	-400
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	3,100	3,100	3,100	0	0
Primary Metal Industries	2,200	2,200	3,300	0	-1,100
Fabricated Metal Products	8,300	8,300	8,400	0	-100
Machinery Except Electrical	8,000	8,100	8,000	-100	0
Electrical Equipment & Supplies	16,800	17,100	17,700	-300	-900
Transportation Equipment	9,300	9,400	10,800	-100	-1,500
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(9,000)	(9,100)	(10,500)	(-200)	(-1,500)
Other Durable Goods	0	0	0	0	0
Nondurable Goods	53,800	53,700	52,700	+100	+1,100
Food & Kindred Products	8,800	8,900	8,500	-100	+300
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2,800	2,800	2,800	0	0
Paper & Allied Products	5,800	5,800	5,700	0	+100
Printing & Publishing	21,100	21,200	20,700	-100	+400
Chemicals & Allied Products	10,000	10,000	9,900	0	+100
Petroleum & Coal Products	500	500	600	0	-100
Other Nondurable Goods	0	0	0	0	0
Total Nonmanufacturing	635,200	636,300	628,700	-1,100	+6,500
Mining & Quarrying	500	500	500	0	0
Construction	36,800	38,100	36,600	-1,300	+200
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	55,900	56,000	56,600	-100	-700
Wholesale & Retail Trade	196,700	195,800	196,700	+900	0
Wholesale Trade(60,700)	(60,600)	(61,100)	(+100)	(-400)	
Retail Trade	(136,000)	(135,200)	(135,600)	(+800)	(+400)
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	58,500	58,300	57,700	+200	+800
Services	172,800	173,800	169,600	-1,000	+3,200
Government	114,000	113,800	111,000	+200	+3,000
Federal Government	(30,600)	(30,400)	(30,100)	(+200)	(+500)
State & Local Government	(83,400)	(83,400)	(80,900)	(0)	(+2,500)
In Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	100	0	-100

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Among the other industries with higher levels of employment in December 1988 than in December 1987 were Finance, Insurance and Real Estate with 800 more jobs, Retail Trade with 400 more jobs and Construction with 200 more jobs. Continued adjustments in the Area's air transportation, Communications and Utilities industry. A slowdown in durable goods wholesaling also accounted for Wholesale Trade posting 400 fewer jobs over the 12-month period.

Total unemployment on a place-of-residence basis was 47,000 in December 1988 for 5.6 percent of the labor force, compared to 42,500 in November 1988 for 5.1 percent of the labor force and 46,600 in December 1987 for 5.5 percent of the labor force.

Employment and Unemployment Forecast

The New Year is expected to begin with another jump in the rate of unemployment. Layoffs from the holiday shopping season and the continuation of further layoffs in Construction and Services industries will add to the Area's unemployment rolls and contribute perhaps close to a half of a percentage point increase in the unemployment rate. Unemployment in January 1989 is expected to be 6.0 percent of the labor force, compared to 5.6 percent in December 1988 and 5.6 percent in January 1988.

The Area will experience a slight drop in the rate of unemployment in Governm,ent and perhaps Services. The number of unemployed should decline as many of the recently hired seasonal workers withdrew from the labor force. Unemployment in February 1989 is expected to by 5.9 percent of the labor force compared to 5.8 percent in February 1988.

Table 2. Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings in Manufacturing

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas **Month and Year of Current Data: December, 1988**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$494.49	$485.52	$476.10	42.3	42.0	41.8	$11.69	$11.56	$11.39
Durable Goods	544.83	526.18	508.25	42.9	42.4	41.9	12.70	12.41	12.13
Lumber & Furniture	378.29	371.18	341.43	44.4	44.4	42.1	8.52	8.36	8.11
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	490.72	517.75	477.07	38.7	40.8	37.3	12.68	12.69	12.79
Primary Metal Industries	480.29	479.94	506.74	39.4	38.0	41.4	12.19	12.63	12.24
Fabricated Metal Products	429.17	416.90	405.22	42.2	41.4	40.2	10.17	10.07	10.08
Machinery Exc. Electrical	468.93	462.60	450.74	43.5	43.6	45.3	10.78	10.61	9.95
Electrical Equip. & Supplies	588.63	471.05	588.19	42.5	42.3	44.9	13.85	13.50	13.10
Transportation Equipment	779.52	727.41	628.06	45.8	44.3	39.6	17.02	16.42	15.86
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(784.16)	(730.25)	(639.17)	(46.1)	(44.5)	(39.7)	(17.01)	(16.41)	(16.10)
Nondurable Goods	438.68	440.13	436.81	41.7	41.6	41.8	– 10.52	10.58	10.45
Food & Kindred Products	437.26	429.24	418.99	40.6	39.2	40.6	10.77	10.95	10.32
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	222.51	206.08	189.97	38.9	36.8	31.4	5.72	5.60	6.05
Paper & Allied Products	426.62	420.84	440.21	41.5	42.0	43.2	10.28	10.02	10.19
Printing & Publishing	450.60	462.58	442.90	41.8	42.4	41.2	10.79	10.91	10.75
Chemicals & Allied Products	591.82	589.36	620.02	42.7	42.8	46.9	13.86	13.77	13.22
Petroleum & Coal Products	423.84	430.14	386.08	39.5	37.6	36.7	10.73	11.44	10.52

* This series excludes industry 2771.

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St. Louis Labor Market Review

The St. Louis Area includes the City of St. Louis, and St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin Counties in Missouri; and Clinton, Madison, Monroe, St. Clair and Jersey Counties in Illinois. The 1980 population for the Area was stated as 2,376,998 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

December, 1988

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Area Labor Force Developments

The St. Louis MSA unemployment rate declined from 6.3% in November to 6.0% in December. The number of unemployed declined by 4,000 overr the month and employment decreased 2,900. Strong holiday retail sales along with fewer people seeking temporary holiday jobs caused the significant decline in the area's unemployment rate. Small gains continued to be reported in some manufacturing industries while construction and services registered seasonal declines in the nonmanufacturing sector. Over the year, unemployment declined by 5,800 and employment rose 8,100. The unemployment rate in December, 1987 was 6.5%. Motor vehicles and aircraft led the manufacturing sector adding a combined total of 4,300 jobs. The prliminary annual average unemployment rate for 1988 was 6.3%. The annual average rate in 1987 was 7.0%. Most of 1988's improvement occurred during the first 6 months of the year when the economy was moving at a faster pace. During the last half of the year, fear about inflation along with significant interest rate increases caused the area's rate to climb above the 6.0% range and remain there for all 6 months. Annual average unemployment declined 9,600 from 1987 to 1988 but employment rose onnly 3,700 during that period. There were no labor disputants in December and November and less than 50 in December, 1987.

Manufacturing

Manufacturing employment rose 400 over the month. Motor vehicles ended the year by adding 300 workers. Employment in autos reached 18,900, its highest level during 1988. Small gains were reported by primary metals, electronic equipment, aircraft and other nondurables. Stone, clay and glass registered a small seasonal decline. Over the year, manufacturing jobs increased 6,400. During the past 12 months a shift of auto workers was recalled from layoff causing a 2,500 increase in motor vehicles. Aircraft continued in second place, adding 1,800 workers. Most other manufacturing industries reported job gains over 1987 levels. Most of their growth, though, occurred during the first 6 months of 1988. If current economic conditions continue into the first half of 1989, these industries will be reporting stable employment levels for the next 6 months.

Nonmanufacturing

Nonmanufacturing employment declined 1,100 over the month. Seasonal job losses occurred in construction, real estate, and services. Government employment declined 1,000 due to the layoff of temporary election workers in November. Trade again reported strong seasonal gains, adding 2,700 temporary jobs for the holiday buying season. Over the year, nonmanufacturing job gains totaled 7,900. Service increases were concentrated in business, medical and professional services. Retail trade increases were well distributed among most sectors. In transportation airlines continue to lead all other sectors, adding 700 workers during the past 12 months. Construction employment continued to decline, losing 3,400 jobs. This trend is expected to continue during the first half of 1989.
activity. Smaller declines were reported in finance, federal governments and railroads.

Unemployment Rate Outlook

The unemployment rate in January, 1989 is expected to be 6.4%.

Unemployment and Manpower Resources

The industry distribution of Missouri resident claimants is:

Industry	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Mining	14	15	13	19
Construction	1243	1336	1717	2578
Manufacturing	2678	3113	3154	2952
Public Utilities	668	579	623	583
Wholesale & Retail Tr.	1920	1871	2207	2159
Finance	465	484	530	510
Services	4590	4452	4763	4657
All Other	234	284	291	322
TOTAL	11812	12134	13298	13780

The occupational distribution of the intrastate Missouri resident claimant is:

Occupation	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Prof., Tech. & Mgr.	975	945	1081	1033
Clerical	1319	1340	1505	1343
Sales	275	291	343	328
Farm, Fish & Forest	47	46	70	88
Processing	133	131	168	135
Machine Trades	541	571	630	699
Bench Work	525	493	554	481
Structural Work	737	840	943	1142
Misc. Work	817	950	1005	1084
Service	990	937	996	1047
INA	5453	5590	6003	6400
TOTAL	11812	12134	13298	13780

Available Job Oppportunties

The occupations percentage distribution of the openings received and filled during fiscal year 1989 by the Missouri State Employment Service is as follows:

Occupational Group	Openings Received Percent	Openings Filled Percent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	4.8	1.5
Clerical	20.3	20.6
Sales	15.2	18.7
Processing	2.0	2.5
Machine Trades	5.1	4.9
Bench Work	6.2	7.3
Structural Work	7.6	5.8
Motor Freight & Trans.	4.8	4.0
Packaging & Material Handling	10.3	13.5
Domestic	0.7	0.3
Other Services	21.8	20.0
Other Occupations	1.2	0.9
TOTAL	100.0	100.0

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)

Area and State: St. Louis, Mo.-Ill. Met. Area **Month and Year of Current:** December, 1988

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary, Total	1,151,900	1,152,600	1,137,600	-700	+14,300
Percent Change				+(0.1)	+(1.3)
Manufacturing	225,600	225,200	219,200	+400	+6,400
Durable Goods	143,500	143,100	137,100	+400	+6,400
Lumber & Furniture	4,800	4,800	4,800	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass	3,300	3,400	3,200	-100	+100
Primary Metal Industries	14,700	14,600	14,200	+100	+500
Fabricated Metal Products	17,400	17,400	16,600	0	+800
Machinery, Except Electrical	18,500	18,500	17,900	0	+600
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	14,700	14,600	14,600	+100	+100
Transportation Equipment	57,500	57,100	53,200	+400	+4,300
Motor Vehicles	18,900	18,600	16,400	+300	+2,500
Aircraft & Parts	32,700	32,600	30,900	+100	+1,800
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	12,600	12,700	12,600	-100	0
Nondurable Goods	82,100	82,100	82,100	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	21,100	21,100	21,900	0	-800
Meat Products	800	800	800	0	0
Beverages	8,100	8,100	8,700	0	-600
Textiles & Apparel	5,800	5,800	6,000	0	-200
Paper & Paper Products	5,900	5,900	5,800	0	+100
Printing & Publishing	17,200	17,300	16,900	-100	+300
Chemical & Allied Products	18,300	18,300	18,200	0	+100
Petroleum & Coal Products	2,800	2,800	2,800	0	0
Leather & Leather Products	4,700	4,700	4,800	0	-100
Other Nondurable Goods	6,300	6,200	5,700	+100	+600
Nonmanufacturing	926,300	927,400	918,400	-1,100	+7,900
Mining	3,500	3,500	3,500	0	0
Construction	53,900	55,200	57,300	-1,300	-3,400
Transportation & Public Utilities	75,200	75,300	74,400	-100	+800
Railroads	5,000	5,000	5,100	0	-100
Transportation, Except Railroads	41,500	41,600	40,900	-100	+600
Communications & Public Utilities	28,700	28,700	28,400	0	+300
Wholesale & Retail Trade	284,600	281,900	281,200	+2,700	+3,400
Wholesale Trade	70,600	70,100	68,200	+500	+2,400
Retail Trade	214,000	211,800	213,000	+2,200	+1,000
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	72,900	73,100	73,500	-200	-600
Service, Except Domestic	292,900	294,100	286,200	-1,200	+6,700
Total Government	143,300	144,300	142,300	-1,000	+1,000
Total Federal Government	36,500	36,400	37,300	+100	-800
Total State & Local Government	106,800	107,900	105,000	-1,100	+1,800
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	0	0	0

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Table 2. Average Hours & Earnings of Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing

Area and State: St. Louis Metropolitan Area **Month and Year of Current Data: December, 1988**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$514.54	$494.62	$496.69	42.7	41.6	42.2	$12.05	$11.89	$11.77
Durable Goods	546.80	522.86	518.38	43.5	42.2	42.7	12.57	12.36	12.14
Lumber & Furniture	407.10	369.34	386.56	43.2	39.8	41.7	9.47	9.28	9.27
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	420.19	459.19	436.53	35.7	37.7	36.9	11.77	12.18	11.83
Primary Metal Industries	545.38	521.33	492.82	45.6	43.3	41.8	11.96	12.04	11.79
Fabricated Metal Products	490.31	488.16	472.14	43.7	43.2	43.0	11.22	11.30	10.98
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	496.07	455.94	488.25	43.9	41.6	43.4	11.30	10.96	11.25
Elect & Electronic Equip.	414.47	397.60	436.32	41.2	39.8	43.2	10.06	9.99	10.10
Transportation Equipment	693.00	661.39	653.84	44.0	43.2	44.0	15.75	15.31	14.86
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	386.62	381.29	333.59	42.3	41.9	38.7	9.14	9.10	8.62
Nondurable Goods	451.28	440.24	456.37	41.1	40.5	41.3	10.98	10.87	11.05
Food & Kindred Products	512.11	480.54	516.65	41.1	39.1	40.3	12.46	12.29	12.82
Textiles & Apparel	224.58	223.42	235.34	35.2	34.8	36.6	6.38	6.42	6.43
Paper & Paper Products	473.40	449.19	492.30	45.0	43.4	46.4	10.52	10.35	10.61
Printing & Publishing	417.38	425.72	442.78	39.6	40.2	40.4	10.54	10.59	10.96
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	582.86	567.22	565.50	43.4	43.2	43.4	13.43	13.13	13.03
Petroleum & Coal Products	716.96	716.04	634.66	45.9	45.9	41.4	15.62	15.60	15.33
Leather & Leather Products	264.66	234.84	266.88	40.1	36.0	42.7	6.60	6.44	6.25
Other Nondurable Goods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Springfield Labor Market Review

(Greene and Christian Counties)

December, 1988

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Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

The Springfield MSA labor force, estimated at 128,100 in December, moved downward by 500 from the November level. This drop was the result of decreased employment during the 30 day period. The current jobless rate, estimated at 4.4 percent if the lowest for any December since 1979 which was also calculated 4.4 percent.

During 1988, unemployment recorded a slight drop, employment increased 3,800 and the civilian labor force expanded by approximately 3,600.

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

The total number of payrolled jobs, estimated at 114,400 fell 600 from November. In retrospect, payrolled employment recorded a 3.5 percent growth rate during 1988. This amounts to an increase of about 3,900 payrolled jobs. During the 12 month period, manufacturing and nonmanufacturing recorded employment increases of 400 and 3,500 respectively. The most substantial gains occurred in trade and services.

Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers rose four cents from November to $8.52 in December. During December 1987, the average hourly wage came to $8.49.

The manufacturing work week during December averaged 41.7 hours. This compares to 40.5 hours in November and 43.0 during December 1987.

Employment and Unemployment Outlook

Payrolled employment is expected to show a moderate seasonal drop in January. Industries expected to show job reductions during the month are durable goods manufacturing, retail trade, and construction. Construction will not record the usual drop from December to January due to abnormal weather conditions in January.

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

(Place of Work)

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri **Month and Year of Current: December, 1988**

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonag. Wage & Salary, Employment (Exc. Domestics)	114,400	115,000	110,500	-600	+3,900
Manufacturing	21,500	21,400	21,100	+100	+400
Durable Goods	12,200	12,200	11,900	0	+300
Lumber & Wood (Inc. Furn.)	1,100	1,100	1,200	0	-100
Other Durable Goods	11,100	11,100	10,700	0	+400
Nondurable Goods	9,300	9,200	9,200	+100	+100
Food Processing	3,800	3,800	3,800	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1,600	1,600	1,800	0	-200
Other Nondurable Goods	3,900	3,800	3,600	+100	+300
Nonmanufacturing	92,900	93,600	89,400	-700	+3,500
Mining	100	100	100	0	0
Construction	5,700	5,900	5,300	-200	+400
Transportation & Utilities	7,600	7,500	7,100	+100	+500
Trade	32,300	32,300	31,100	0	+1,200
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,600	4,600	4,700	0	-100
Services	28,400	28,900	27,000	-500	+1,400
Government	14,200	14,300	14,100	-100	+100
Federal	1,900	1,900	1,900	0	0
State and Local	12,300	12,400	12,200	-100	+100
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	0	0	0

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Table 2. Gross Average Hours and Earnings for Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing Industries

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri **Month and Year of Current Data: December, 1988**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$355.28	$343.44	$365.07	41.7	40.5	43.0	$8.52	$8.48	$8.49
Durable Goods	333.74	322.79	376.26	41.0	39.9	44.9	8.14	8.09	8.38
Nondurable Goods	389.48	376.74	349.34	42.8	41.4	40.2	9.10	9.10	8.69
Food & Kindred Products	359.68	353.07	357.70	39.7	39.1	39.7	9.06	9.03	9.01
Other Nondurable Goods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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